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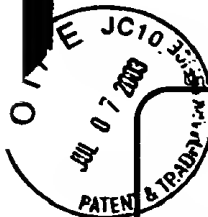
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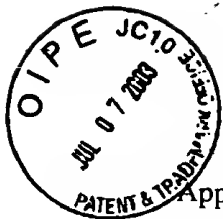
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In the Claims

1. (previously and once amended) A resorbable interbody spinal fusion device for spinal fixation, said device comprising 25-100% polymer producing acidic products or low